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ADVOCATE OF PEACE AND ARBITRATION.

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ONCE MORE.

Is there not money in the hands of living men for the cause of Peace? If so, will not such allow us to use it? The American Peace Society never had so many open doors of usefulness. Who will aid us to enter them? Two generations ago good men remembered this cause in their wills. Will not the present generation do the same?

—Cora Kennedy, an American lady who died at Rome on Dec. 31, made many important legacies, among others \$6000 to the International Peace Society of Italy.

—A general committee on the Peace Congress to be held in England in 1890 has been constituted of the several peace organizations. The Congress is expected to meet about the first of July, near the time appointed for the Parliamentary Congress for which energetic measures are being taken.

—Several vessels belonging to New York merchants have been seized by the authorities of Colombia. The grounds of this seizure are not fully understood in this country, but the Secretary of State has telegraphed to Colon for information. The merchants aggrieved are circulating petitions to the United States Government to come to their help.

—We are glad to note that the W. C. T. U. are circulating petitions to Congress that the Exposition of 1892 should not desecrate the Sabbath by opening its doors on that day. Pass the petitions round. They may be obtained of Mrs. J. C. Bateham, of Painesville, Ohio.

—We hope none of our readers will fail to read "*A Western Farmer's View.*" It is an eloquent presentation of the possibilities of the World's Peace Congress in America in 1892. To realize its noble aspiration in our time will not require one man as great in human statesmanship as was Christopher Columbus, but many men of like faith and purpose. The people can have what they choose. That is the great fact of human progress incident to the close of the nineteenth century. It encourages us to read such sentiments in a purely agricultural paper and to know that its circulation among farmers reaches nearly 100,000.

—The London Peace Society has obtained through Secretary Darby a favorable place for an office in Paris, from which it can issue its publications and more effectually co-operate with the French Peace Societies. It is said that many peace men in France demand that Alsace-Lorraine be restored to France as a condition of peace! One fact must be reversed before they will act on a principle!

IN MEMORIAM.

In the death of Rev. George W. Thompson of Stratham, N. H., Dec. 26, 1889, at the age of eighty-one, the cause of peace has lost a life-long friend and supporter. Though infirmities of age have for some years kept him from active participation in our work, his sympathies were unchanged. His funeral services were held in Stratham, Sunday, Dec. 28. We are sorry to hear that his excellent wife is in feeble health. Mr. Thompson was formerly a pastor at Kingston and afterward at Seabrook, N. H. The death of Deacon Caleb Wiggin and others has greatly diminished the number in Stratham who early espoused the cause of peace as a part of the great missionary enterprise. We are indebted to Deacon P. Merrill, himself a staunch believer and supporter of the cause, for information and aid in furtherance of our work.

DEATH OF WALKER BLAINE.

All right-minded men will sincerely sympathize with Hon. J. G. Blaine on account of the sudden death of his eldest son Walker, on whom the father leaned for aid in all the perplexing details of his public life, and who by reason of the inevitable advance of years and accumulation of burdens, grew more and more necessary to the latter's comfort. Walker Blaine was no grown-up dependent on his father's bounty, but active, energetic and wise beyond his years—a son to confide in, in matters little or great. Mr. Blaine's brother and Mrs. Blaine's sister have recently died. The family need the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. They will not be forgotten in the prayers of Christians.

PEACE THE LAST WISH OF AN EMPRESS.

On Jan. 11, Hon. W. W. Phelps, minister to Germany, made an address before the Anglo-American Society of Berlin. He described his last interview with the Empress Augusta, the widow of Kaiser William, recently deceased. "Every topic seemed to lead her unconsciously to the same subject, viz., the love of peace. This seemed to occupy and fill her mind to the exclusion of all other thoughts. Whether speaking of America's material or moral growth or France and the Exposition, she always reverted to Peace. Detecting something like a smile on my face at this, she in a half-whining, half-pettish tone, reproached me, adding:

"'Think what I know of war' and, murmuring something of which I caught only the words father and son, she dismissed me with the earnest injunction to promote peace between Germany and America."

Mr. Phelps concluded: "The wires have told the story of her death in every capital, and the echo returns an expression of universal sorrow, not for the consort of the prince and king, and emperor, but for the good woman dead."

The first contribution received toward the \$150,000 memorial fund for Yankton College, which the trustees of the institution have decided to raise in honor of the late President Ward, is a purse of \$200, given by the Indians of the Sauter Agency. The tawny donors to this fund for the education of whites, are members of a band which twenty-seven years ago assisted in the massacre along the Minnesota frontier.—*Signal.*